



Spring Report 2020

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Covid 19 in Kosovo, Uganda

Our Spring Trip Cancelled

We were all ready to go! We had been meeting as a team getting our plans ready, looking forward to the spring 2020 trip to Kosovo. There were 18 of us going including Jennifer and me! And then, suddenly, everything was shut down. Word came that the Ugandan president had stated that anyone coming into Uganda would be quarantined for 14 days. We were wondering if the trip was going to happen. We were praying, thinking it might not be a good idea to go with the Corona Virus becoming a greater threat every day. Now, with the President's edict in place our trip was officially off. Certainly we worked through disappointment. But soon we moved into the realm of excitement knowing that if God had interrupted our trip, He had a better plan for us. So we have rescheduled our team trip for November and are looking forward to when we actually set foot on the ground of Uganda.

The situation in Uganda was desperate. Everything was shut down. Businesses and schools were closed! Transportation systems were shut down. No one was allowed to leave their homes except to buy food. How-



The typically bustling school yard was shut down with the school. Doors to the classroom were locked



ever buying food was a problem, especially for anyone living in the slums where our dear children and their families live. Most families living in the slums earn

money on a daily basis. In other words they go to work, get paid and then, and only then, they are they able to go out and buy food to feed their families an evening meal. No job meant no pay. No pay meant nothing to buy food with. Consequently much of Uganda was catapulted into a dire situation—nothing to eat—potential starvation.

So we at SMPI decided to ask our sponsors if they wanted to help out by giving an offering to purchase food for the families of the sponsored children at TKPS. The request deeply touched the heart of so many sponsors! The response was almost overwhelming. Over the course of the next two weeks we received many thousands of dollars which we were able to send to our friends in Kosovo. The donations fed around 400 families! Amazing! Almost unbelievable! Truck loads of psoho (corn flour), beans, rice, sugar and bars of soap for the important task of washing hands regularly. I wanted to share with you pictures of the distribution. Smiles all around! You really did help alleviate suffering for these families!





Pastor Deo has been stuck in the USA this entire time. He was here working to make things ready for the second Muwendo Choir to go on tour. It looks like that choir will not get to America until next year. Pray he will be able to return soon.

**You can go to our FaceBook page (Strategic Ministry Partnerships International) to view a short video of the food distribution. Beware of the tears! Thanks for caring and sharing. Stay safe and pray for this pandemic to end all over the world
Love and Blessings!**

Ross & Jennifer